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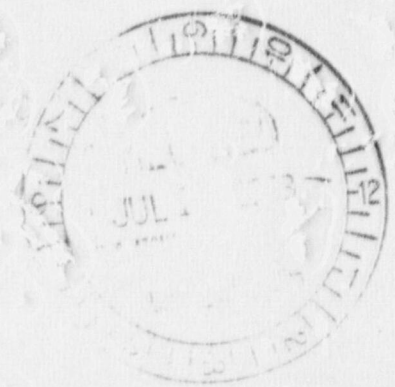
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State Aide Urges

Atomic Reactors

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The use of atomic reactors is the only economic way to keep up with the ever-increasing need for electric power in California, Alexander Grendon, State co-ordinator of atomic development and radiation protection, said here yesterday.

California's prime sources of hydroelectric power all have been developed, Grendon said, and 75 per cent of the gas or oil fuel needed for conventional steam electric plants now comes from out of State.

The booming population, however, has created an unprecedented demand for electricity.

Grendon debated before the Democratic Forum with David E. Pesonen, executive secretary of the Northern California Association to Preserve Bodega Head and Harbor. Questions concerned Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s projected atomic generating plant at Bodega Bay.

Pesonen charged that county and State approval of the PG&E site was granted without full public participation. Of the upcoming Atomic Energy Commission hearings

and State review of plans for the plant, he said final approval of such an installation "should not be passed to a small, remote body of technicians."

"Atomic energy has thrust us into a new environment of which we are not fully aware," he said.

Complaint Against PG&E Set for Airing

The public hearing on the complaint of Richard Connelly Miller, 1625 Grant St., against Pacific Gas and Electric Co. charging certain expenditures are improper and should not be allowed in determining rates, has been set by the California Public Utilities Commission to open on Wednesday, July 24.

The hearing will be held before PUC Examiner John M. Gregory in the commission's courtroom in the State Building in San Francisco starting at 10 a.m.

Miller, and 38 other complainants, asserted that political activities, paid advertisements presenting the utility's beliefs or arguments, and other activities such as distribution of a monthly magazine to customers are improper and should not be paid for by customers. The complaint asked the

commission to order PG&E not to engage in what it terms unlawful and unreasonable practices.

PG&E asserted in its formal answer that such prohibitions would deprive the utility of liberty and property without due process of law, in violation of the United States and California Constitutions.

It said certain expenses have been found to be justified by the Public Utilities Commission and that others, including political activities and publication of "PG&E Progress" are not now paid for by ratepayers.

The utility asked dismissal of the complaint but the commission ordered a public hearing in the matter.